



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:) Atty. Docket No.: CUMM:183
William J. Jones)
Douglas U. Mennie) Examiner: Phuoc Tran
Application No: 08/833,095) Group Art Unit: 2721
Filed: April 4, 1997)
For: Method And Apparatus For Discriminating)
And Counting Documents)

DECLARATION OF DOUGLAS U. MENNIE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I, Douglas U. Mennie, declare that:

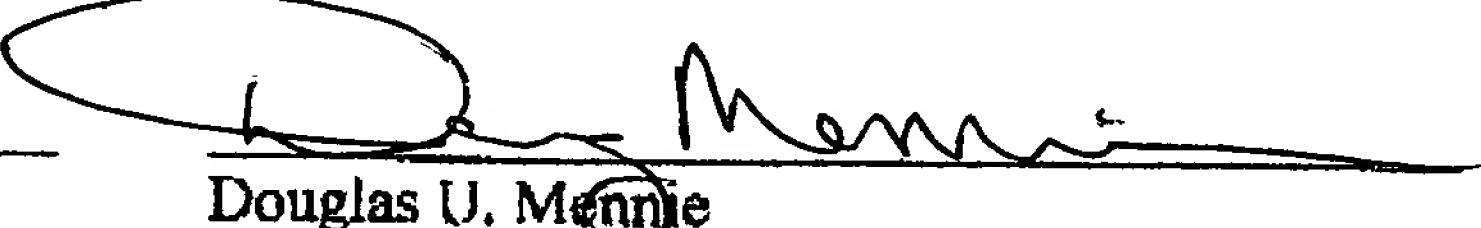
1. I am a co-inventor of the present application, and have been personally involved in development of apparatuses for discriminating and counting documents which are the subject of this application.
2. I have been employed by Cummins-Allison Corporation ("Cummins"), assignee of the above-referenced patent application, for the past twenty years. I have been involved with the development of apparatuses such as high speed currency scanning devices in the positions of Manufacturing Engineer and Vice President of Manufacturing and Engineering. Currently, my position is President of Cummins. I hold the degree of B.S. in Industry and Technology from Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, Illinois.

EXHIBIT A

3. I have knowledge of the CPS 1200 - Currency Systems International, Inc., device ("CPS 1200 device") applied in the Office Action. The CPS 1200 device does not transport the bills in the direction of the narrow dimension of the bills. Rather, the CPS 1200 device transports the bills in the direction of the long dimension of the bills.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 5/29/98


Douglas U. Mennie